Amendment No. 1 to SB0535

<u>Haile</u> Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 535

House Bill No. 163*

by deleting SECTION 7 and substituting:

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-119(c), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() If the child is less than four (4) years of age, has resided in the home of the petitioners for at least three (3) months, and the court has received the final court report concerning the circumstances of the child and the petitioners and is satisfied that the adoption will be in the best interest of the child, then the court shall waive the six-month waiting period after the filing of the adoption petition and enter an order of adoption.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting SECTION 8 and substituting:

SECTION 8. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m., the public welfare requiring it.